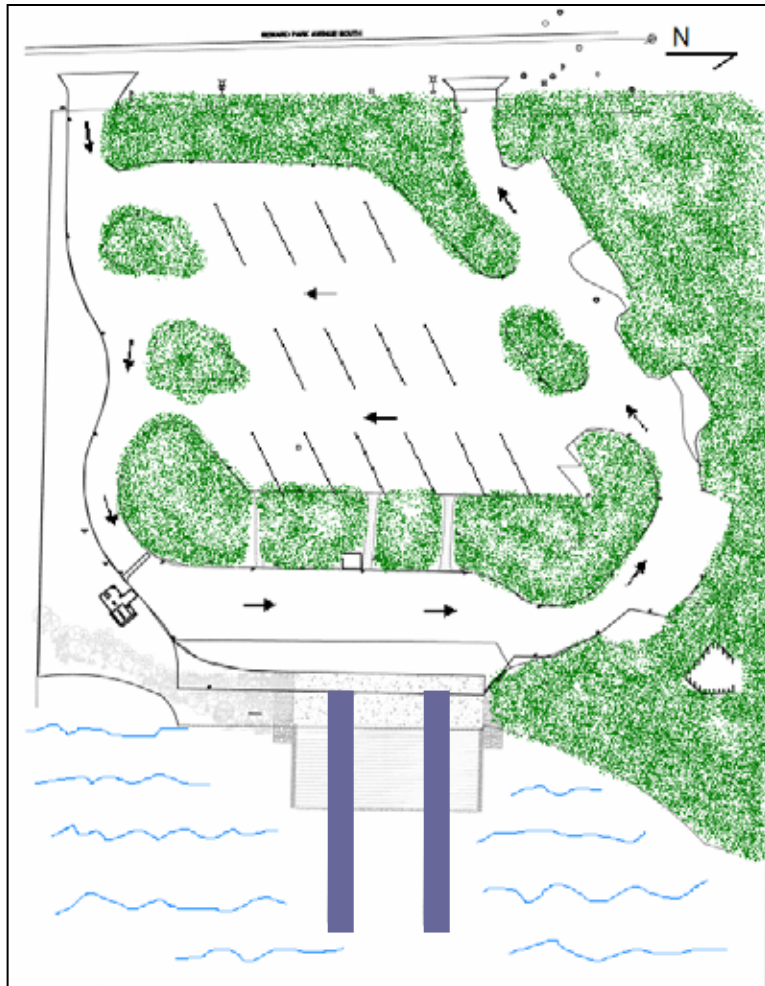




Seattle Boat Ramp News



Summer 2004



Atlantic City to close for Remodel and Repair 9/20/04

Later this summer, Atlantic City Boat Ramp will undergo pier repair and slight remodeling. Atlantic City Boat Ramp, located in Seattle's Rainier Beach neighborhood, can accommodate up to six boats at a time. After construction, which is expected to last about two months, the piers will be able to accommodate up to 12 boats. The existing three short piers will be replaced with two longer piers, which will allow boats waiting for trailer parking and/or retrieval to remain tied to the docks, while allowing other boats on trailers to launch at the same time. The remodel will help improve the overall layout of the boat ramp, and will relieve traffic congestion.

Please help keep our waters CLEAN! Information about spills

The dispersal of oil in water is prohibited by law and may result in a \$5,000 fine. Oil can float on the water, reducing light penetration from the sun and preventing the exchange of oxygen at the water's surface. Oil can also contaminate other water layers and has the potential to poison much of the aquatic food web, which consists of many species of plants, fish, animals, and microbes.

The Federal Water Pollution Control Act strictly prohibits the discharge of oil or oily waste into or upon the navigable waters of the United States or the waters of the contiguous zone. The U.S. Coast Guard must be notified of any spill that produces a sheen on the water. To report the location, source, size, color, substance, and time of a spill, call the National Response Center at 1-800-424-8802. Failure to report spills may result in fines. The Clean Water Act also forbids the use of soaps or dispersing agents to dissolve oil on water or in the bilge without the permission of the U.S. Coast Guard.

2004 ANNUAL BOAT LAUNCH PERMITS STILL ON SALE

Save time and money with a Seattle Parks Annual Boat Launch Permit:
\$80 Annual Day-Use Permit with unlimited launches at all Seattle boat ramps, through the end of the year.

\$110 Overnight Permit allows unlimited launches and up to four nights' parking with each launch.

Please call (206) 684-7249 and ask to receive an application by mail, or pay by phone with a credit card.

Top Ten Ways to Stay Safe while Boating

10. In case of emergencies, you can reach Seattle Harbor Patrol directly at 206-684-4071, and the U.S. Coast Guard at 206-217-6000, or #CG from a cell phone. For all emergencies, try VHF Channel 16.
9. Never swim alone or unsupervised, and never swim in channels or any area where there is heavy boat traffic.
8. Always watch your wake when inside speed zones, near marinas, or when around small craft.
7. Remember that accidents can happen. Obey traffic patterns. Do not overload your boat past the maximum load, a frequent cause of capsizing.
6. Don't forget to stay hydrated and to reapply sunscreen. Drink plenty of water and minimize alcohol intake to reduce fatigue. Wear waterproof sunscreen, and reapply it after swimming or after 4 hours.
5. Make sure your vessel is "sea-worthy" (all equipment and mechanical parts are working properly), educate passengers on emergency procedures, and make sure the plug is in BEFORE launching. To make sure YOU are "sea-worthy," consider taking a boating safety course.
4. All boats are required to have running lights when operating in the dark, dusk, or fog. In addition, boats must carry a signaling device, e.g. a whistle or an air horn.
3. Watch for changing weather conditions. Consider returning to shore if very high winds or lightening. Stay close to shore on the return voyage.
2. Before launching, check to make sure there are enough Personal Floatation Devices (PFDs) on board for each passenger. PFDs are required for children under 12 on boats under 19 feet, anyone using Personal Watercraft (i.e., JetSkis), and anyone in a boat being towed behind another boat.
1. Familiarize yourself with the Boat Ramp Launching/Retrieval rules. Obey the rules, listen to the Boat Ramp Rangers, and be courteous and helpful to other Boat Ramp patrons.



2004 Fishing Seasons

Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife is projecting a great year for fishing with 3 salmon seasons:

- **SOCKEYE** – Southern half of Lake Washington beginning in early July, with a run size that could exceed that of 2002.
- **CHINOOK and COHO** – Elliott Bay will most likely be open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from July 16 through August 22.
- **COHO** – Northern half of Lake Washington beginning September 16 and ending on October 31.

BOATING ON THE WEB

Seattle Parks and Recreation
Washington State Boat Ramps list by County
Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife
Washington State Parks Boating Information
State Power Squadron District 16
Safe Boating Resources

<http://www.cityofseattle.net/parks/boats>
<http://boat.iac.wa.gov>
<http://wdfw.wa.gov>
<http://www.parks.wa.gov/moorage/default.asp>
<http://www.usps.org/localusps/d16>
<http://www.SafeBoatingCampaign.com>

BOATER RESOURCE LIST

All Emergencies 9-1-1
Seattle Police Harbor Patrol 684-4071
Seattle Parks and Recreation 684-4075
Boat Ramp Supervisor 684-7249
(email): karen.etsell@seattle.gov
Fax 684-4853
Boating Safety classes in this area 1-800-336-BOAT

Washington State Department of Fisheries
Saltwater fish and shellfish 753-6600
Washington State Department of Wildlife
Freshwater fish 779-1311
Puget Sound Water Quality Authority: 1-800-54-SOUND
US Coast Guard/24-hour Emergency 286-5400
United States Power Squadron 1-888-FOR-USPS